



Security Council

Distr.
GENERALS/22246
20 February 1991
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: ENGLISH/FRENCH/
SPANISH

LETTER DATED 12 FEBRUARY 1991 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO
THE GOVERNMENTS OF ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
OR MEMBERS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, CONTAINING A FURTHER
APPEAL FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FINANCING OF THE
UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS

I have the honour to write to you about the critical financial situation of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Even though the United Nations share is less than a third of the total cost of UNFICYP, receipts continue to fall far short of the Organization's share of expenditures. I have repeatedly expressed my concern about this situation, which is very much shared by the Governments of the troop-contributing countries. It is most unfair that these countries should have to absorb such a disproportionate share of the cost of UNFICYP.

As of the end of January 1991, the accumulated shortfall in the UNFICYP Special Account for the mandate periods ending 15 June 1991 is estimated at \$165 million. As regards the current period, only \$2.3 million has so far been pledged or received against projected expenditure estimated at some \$15.4 million (see annex for details of the current financial situation). As a result, the United Nations has been able to meet the claims of troop-contributing countries only up to December 1980. It is clear that this highly unsatisfactory situation must not be allowed to continue.

The vital peace-keeping role of UNFICYP has been unanimously stressed by the Security Council time and again and its mandate has been repeatedly extended by the Council. The Force continues to make an indispensable contribution to maintaining calm on the island, a condition which is clearly necessary for my ongoing efforts to negotiate a political settlement.

Given the necessary role played by UNFICYP and the precarious financial situation in which it finds itself, I should be most grateful if you could convey to your Government my urgent appeal for a voluntary financial contribution. It is my hope that your Government will find it possible to respond generously so as to enable this important peace-keeping operation of the United Nations to continue.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ DE CUELLAR

Annex

Financing and financial position of the United Nations
Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus

In accordance with Security Council resolution 186 (1964) on the establishment of UNFICYP, the costs of the Force are being met by the Governments providing the contingents and by voluntary contributions received for this purpose by the United Nations. In addition, the Government of Cyprus provides, at no cost to the United Nations, areas for the headquarters, camps and other premises of UNFICYP.

Under existing arrangements, the troop-contributing Governments make available to the United Nations troops whose regular pay and allowances and normal matériel expenses they have agreed to pay themselves. In addition, these Governments have agreed to finance at their own expense, as a further contribution to the United Nations operation in Cyprus, certain extra and extraordinary costs that they incur in respect of UNFICYP. Both these cost elements currently amount to some \$32.8 million for each six-month period. They represent some 68 per cent of the total cost of maintaining UNFICYP.

The United Nations is responsible for financing entirely through voluntary contributions received from Governments (a) the operational expenditures (i.e. administrative and logistic support) incurred by UNFICYP and (b) certain extra and extraordinary costs incurred by the troop-contributing Governments for which they seek reimbursement. These expenditures are currently in the order of some \$15.4 million for the six-month period ending 15 June 1991.

Since 1964, 77 countries have provided voluntary financial support to UNFICYP totalling approximately \$449 million. However, the contributions received for each extension period have consistently fallen short of the amount required to meet the direct costs of the Force for which the United Nations is responsible. As a result, the shortfall in the UNFICYP Special Account as at 31 January 1991 for the mandate periods ending 15 June 1991 is estimated at \$165 million. The status of contributions received for the latest four mandate periods is shown in the attached table.

STATUS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNFICYP SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE
LATEST FOUR MANDATE PERIODS AS AT 31 JANUARY 1991

(In United States dollars equivalent)

<u>Country</u>	56th	57th	58th	59th
	16/06/89 <u>15/12/89</u>	16/12/89 <u>15/06/90</u>	16/06/90 <u>15/12/90</u>	16/12/90 <u>15/06/91</u>
Antigua and Barbuda	250	-	-	
Australia <u>a/</u>	50 000	-	-	
Austria <u>a/ b/</u>	125 000	-	-	
Bahamas	500	500	-	
Barbados	-	500	500	
Belgium	121 756	156 566	156 567	
Brunei Darussalam	1 500	-	1 500	1 500
Cameroon	385	-	-	
Canada <u>a/</u>	-	-	-	
Cyprus	387 500	400 000	400 000	508 195
Denmark <u>a/ b/</u>	125 608	125 608	-	
Finland <u>a/</u>				
France	86 435	-	-	
Germany	764 394	822 589	822 589	
Greece	400 000	400 000	400 000	
Iceland	4 394	4 394	4 394	
Ireland <u>a/</u>				
Italy	200 000	200 000	-	
Jamaica	500	250	250	
Jordan	-	1 000	1 000	
Japan	200 000	200 000	200 000	
Luxembourg	4 143	4 900	4 900	
Malaysia	2 500	2 500	2 500	
Malta	-	500	500	
Norway	305 000	305 000	304 995	
Pakistan	1 500	1 500	1 500	
Philippines	1 804	96	96	
Spain	65 269	84 033	84 034	
Sweden <u>a/ b/</u>	-	-	-	
Switzerland	632 911	1 055 756	1 055 756	1 063 830

/...

<u>Country</u>	56th 16/06/89 <u>15/12/89</u>	57th 16/12/89 <u>15/06/90</u>	58th 16/06/90 <u>15/12/90</u>	59th 16/12/90 <u>15/06/91</u>
Thailand	-	500	500	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland a/ b/	1 361 419	1 371 264	1 337 137	803 965
United States of America	4 500 000	4 337 300	4 500 000	
Uruguay	1 000	-	-	
Venezuela	2 500	2 500	2 500	
Yugoslavia	10 000	10 000	10 000	
Zaire	1 000	-	-	
Zambia	<u>518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>9 357 786</u>	<u>9 487 256</u>	<u>9 291 218</u>	<u>2 377 490</u>

a/ Governments contributing contingents to UNFICYP.

b/ Payment has been made or will be made by means of an offset against amounts due to the Government.
